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EMPLOYING THE SAME
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Examiner: H. Nguyen (Anticipated)



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 29, 1998

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b) and 1.98, attached hereto is a form PTO-1449 listing the fourteen references which were cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in prior applications Serial No. 08/895,886 filed on July 17, 1997, Serial No. 08/534,841 filed on September 27, 1995, and Serial No. 07/859,850 filed on March 30, 1992, the parent, grandparent, and great-grandparent applications of the present Rule 53(b) continuation application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these fourteen references are not being provided with this Information Disclosure Statement because the references were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior applications identified above, and the prior applications are being relied

upon in the present application for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120.

Application Serial No. 08/895,986 listed on the form PTO-1449 and parent application Serial No. 08/895,886 are both continuations of grandparent application Serial No. 08/534,841. Application Serial No. 08/895,986 was cited by the applicants in parent application Serial No. 08/895,886, but, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of application Serial No. 08/895,986 was not provided in parent application Serial No. 08/895,886.

Two of the fourteen references listed on the form PTO-1449, Japanese references 1-250128 and 2-135555, are not in the English language.

The concise explanation of the relevance of Japanese references 1-250128 and 2-135555 required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is provided by the discussion of these references on page 1 of the specification as permitted by the last sentence of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), and by an English abstract of Japanese reference 2-135555 which was submitted to the Office in great-grandparent application Serial No. 07/859,850.

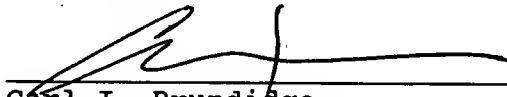
The Examiner's attention is particularly directed to column 4, line 58, through column 5, line 1, and column 5, lines 49-58, of U.S. Patent No. 5,208,813, and to column 4, line 62, through column 5, line 6, and column 5, lines 52-62, of U.S. Patent No. 5,390,187. However, it respectfully requested that the Examiner consider U.S. Patent Nos. 5,208,813 and 5,390,187 in their entirety.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

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